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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.(twice amended) A compound of nicotine and a sweetener or of nicotine and sweeteners as well as their physiologically acceptable salts or acid addition salts with a physiologically acceptable acid, wherein nicotine and sweetener are present in a molar ratio of 1:2, in which case the sweetener molecules can be identical or different.

2.(deleted)

3.(twice amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the sweetener used is ~~acesulfame or an other~~ oxathiazinone sweetener, alitame, aspartame or a dipeptid and tripeptid based on aspartame, ~~cyclamate or an other~~ a sulfamate sweetener, glycyrrhizin, neotame, saccharin or gluconic acid or their physiologically acceptable salts.

4.(original) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sweetener used is acesulfame or acesulfame-K alone or in combination with a further sweetener or with its physiologically acceptable salt.

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8.(deleted)

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10.(original) A solid or liquid preparation, in the form of a chewing gum, a chewing tablet or a compressed composition, for the oral administration of nicotine, comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

11.(new) A compound as claimed in claim 3, wherein the oxathiazinone sweetener is acesulfame and wherein the sulfamate is cyclamate.